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Letter dated 14 September 2001 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith a statement issued by Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim bin Jabr Al-Thani, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar, current Chairman of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to Qatar News Agency on 14 September 2001 (see annex).

I should be grateful if the text of the above-mentioned statement could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 178 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council, under the item entitled "Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts".

(*Signed*) Jamal **Al-Bader**
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Annex to the letter dated 14 September 2001 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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Statement by His Excellency the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar, Doha, 14 September 2001 (Qatar News Agency)

His Excellency Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim bin Jabr Al-Thani, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar, current Chairman of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, expressed the Organization's condemnation and censure of the terrorist attacks carried out against the United States of America.

In his statement to the Qatar News Agency today, His Excellency stressed that Islam is a true religion, which denounces and rejects terrorism, repudiates violence and bloodshed and calls for the protection of human beings and non-aggression against innocent persons, and that it is the religion of tolerance and love.

His Excellency added that the Islamic world shares in the grief and suffering of the United States of America and its people and presents its condolences and sympathy to the families of the victims.